

is still, in my opinion, the best game and certainly our greatest export throughout the world and Latin America; and I come to celebrate Mr. Palmeiro today on his career and what would certainly be induction into the Hall of Fame very soon.

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I also have no other speakers.

Again, I congratulate the gentleman from Texas for introducing this legislation, and I urge all Members to support the adoption of House Resolution 315.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAW). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 315.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMENDING CLEMSON UNIVERSITY TIGERS MEN'S GOLF TEAM FOR WINNING 2003 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 266) commending the Clemson University Tigers men's golf team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Golf Championship.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 266

Whereas on Friday, May 30, 2003, the Clemson University Tigers men's golf team won the 2003 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship, the first National Championship for the Clemson men's golf team;

Whereas the Tigers finished the Championship with a four-round total of 1191 strokes, for 39 shots over par, beating the second place Oklahoma State University Cowboys by two strokes;

Whereas the Tigers won the National Championship on the home course of Oklahoma State University, one of the most decorated golf schools in the Nation;

Whereas the Clemson golf team was the first in NCAA history to win its conference championship, a NCAA regional title, and the National Championship in the same year;

Whereas the Tigers started the year and ended the year as the number one ranked team in the Nation;

Whereas the Tigers finished the season with a 128-8-3 record against opponents ranked in the top 25 teams in the country, which amounts to an incredible winning percentage of 93 percent, by far the best in the Nation and the best in Clemson history;

Whereas all of the Tigers players who participated in the NCAA Championship are native-born South Carolinians;

Whereas players D.J. Trahan, Jack Ferguson, and Matt Hendrix were honored as All-Americans for the 2002-03 season;

Whereas Head Coach Larry Penley won the Golf Coaches Association of America's Dave Williams Award as the National Coach of the Year;

Whereas the Clemson University men's golf team has displayed outstanding dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the season in achieving collegiate golf's highest honor; and

Whereas the Tigers have brought pride and honor to the State of South Carolina: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the Clemson University Tigers for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Golf Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the team's players, coaches, and staff and invites them to the United States Capitol Building to be honored in an appropriate manner;

(3) requests that the President recognize the team's accomplishments and invite the team to the White House for a ceremony in honor of their National Championship; and

(4) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Clemson University for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to each coach and member of the 2003 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship team from Clemson University.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 266.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 266. I would like to thank my hardworking colleague, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. BARRETT), for bringing this resolution forward.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution recognizes the achievement of the Clemson University men's golf team, the Tigers, for their NCAA Division I national collegiate championship. Clemson became the first school in NCAA history to win its conference championship, gain the NCAA regional title and the national championship all in 1 year.

The national championship Tigers deserve recognition for winning the title by just two shots over host school Oklahoma State University after starting the day just one stroke apart. Clemson finished with a 72-hole team total of 1,191, 39 strikes over par. The championship Tigers will enter the 2003-2004 season with a streak of 18 consecutive top three finishes, a Clemson record. In addition to inspiring the team victory, three players distin-

guished themselves from the field by being named to the All-America teams at the conclusion of the season.

Coach Larry Penley was named National Coach of the Year by the Golf Coaches Association and was the first Clemson coach in any sport to win a National Coach of the Year in over 10 years.

The distinction earned by these individuals and the remarkable repeat victories of the team reflect the dedication of each player, the leadership of Coach Larry Penley, and the support of family, friends, and fans.

I extend my congratulations to each of the hardworking players on this successful Tiger team, to Coach Penley, President Jim Barker, and to student body president Fletcher Anderson and all the students of Clemson University. I am happy to join my colleagues in honoring the accomplishments of this team and to wish them continued success.

I would like to pause briefly now to relay the news I learned this morning of the death of a real institution in South Carolina. According to the Associated Press, Jim Phillips, whose voice carried the dreams and disappointments of Clemson fans for 36 years, died yesterday at age 69. Jim Phillips, the voice of the Tigers, did the play-by-play for Clemson baseball, football, and men and women's basketball. He will be missed, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

I ask my colleagues to support this resolution, and I particularly am happy to be presenting this today in that my family has association with Clemson University. My son is a senior, Julian, who has been an intern here in Congress. I am very proud of his association, following in the footsteps of his late grandfather, Julian Dusenbury, who was a Clemson graduate.

I am also pleased that the communications director of the second district congressional office, Wesley Denton, is a Clemson graduate and also the health care legislative assistant, Micki Howard.

In conclusion, God bless our troops.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of this resolution, and I commend and congratulate the gentlemen from South Carolina (Mr. BARRETT), (Mr. SPRATT), (Mr. CLYBURN), (Mr. DEMINT), (Mr. BROWN), and my friend (Mr. WILSON) for their authorship and sponsorship of this resolution. I can understand why the South Carolina delegation is so justifiably proud of the young men who have achieved so much on the links.

Among the very most important classrooms, teaching places in our system of our higher education, is the field of athletic competition. There is a reason why we want to encourage colleges and universities around our country to continue educating young men

and women on playing fields; and the achievements of the young men of the Clemson University men's golf team are an example of that principle.

I must say parenthetically one of the issues that I am proud of is my alma mater, which did not win the NCAA golf tournament, Bucknell University, was recently noted for graduating 100 percent of its student athletes who participate in NCAA sports, and that is an aspiration that I know is shared around the country.

These young men of Clemson and these young Tigers had an extraordinary year amidst extraordinarily difficult competition. I am told that they finished the season with a record of 128 wins, eight losses and three draws, or three ties, against opponents ranked in the top 25 teams in the country. So when they took on the very finest competition there was, they won 93 percent of the matches, which is really an astonishingly good record. I wish that I was right 93 percent of the time in the things that I do here in doing my job.

We also want to commend the Oklahoma State University Cowboys who were in second place in the tournament. My understanding is that the tournament took place on their home course, and I think that adds special luster to the achievement of the young men from Clemson because when one is playing against competition that is used to playing on that course day in and day out, it is an advantage for the home team that the Clemson team was able to overcome.

It is my understanding that each of the Tigers players who participated in the NCAA championship are native-born South Carolinians. That must be a source of great pride for the schools and the coaches and families of the State of South Carolina for which we congratulate those schools and coaches and families.

Finally, it is my understanding that players D.J. Trahan, Jack Ferguson, and Matt Hendrix were all honored as All-Americans in the 2002-2003 season. To have three All-Americans on one team in any sport is quite an achievement; and I know that Head Coach Larry Penley, who himself was honored as the Golf Coaches Association of America's Dave Williams Award winner as Coach of the Year, should be justifiably proud.

This morning, as we speak, there are young Americans who are in science labs and lecture halls and technology centers and study areas, all in campuses all around our country, and we commend them for that; but we also recognize that one of the most important places to learn about life and about the principles of life is on the field of battle and athletic competitions. It is obvious Clemson University should be very proud of these young men.

I also add one thing parenthetically now to inject a controversial topic for those of us, and I mean those of us on both sides of the aisle who so strongly

support title IX and support equal athletic opportunities for young men and women. This is one example of how we do not have to choose between broader opportunities for all athletes and broader opportunities for some. One of the concerns about title IX is that non-revenue-producing sports on the men's side, like golf, which really does not produce revenue, would be jeopardized if we have a strong and robust title IX. Well, we have a strong and robust title IX. We are pleased we are going to keep this, and I think this is one more example of how we can have men and women excel in the field of athletic competition.

So I congratulate Clemson University, and all of their alumni and students and followers must be very, very proud of these young men who have won such an esteemed championship.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of our time.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would like to first thank the gentleman from New Jersey. It is very ironic, as the gentleman mentioned, that the persons who are on this team were native born, in the public institutions of South Carolina, but the State which provides the highest percentage of out-of-state students is New Jersey, and so we have a very strong relationship with our sister State to the north that people would not really recognize, but we have really benefited—

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, we appreciate that very much. We like to keep the smart ones in the State, but we let a few of them go to South Carolina.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, we do enjoy that. Many choose to stay, but the bottom line is we do have the warm relationship with the State of New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. BARRETT).

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from South Carolina for yielding me the time, and I am excited and proud to be here today, growing up in the shadow of Clemson University.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 266, which honors and congratulates the Clemson University men's golf team for winning the 2003 NCAA National Championship. First, I would like to thank the entire South Carolina delegation for cosponsoring this resolution and the chairman of the subcommittee of the Committee on Education and the Workforce for their diligent work in bringing this resolution to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, Clemson University was founded in 1889 as a small agricultural school, but over the past 100 years the

Tiger community has grown to over 16,000 students, studying not only agriculture but also engineering, economics, genetics, and architecture.

Over the years, Clemson's high standards have been set outside the classroom as well as in athletic venues throughout the campus. The Tigers men's soccer team won two national championships in 1984 and 1987. The football team won a national championship in 1981; and most recently, the men's golf team won the 2003 national championship.

The list of accomplishments achieved by the 2003 golf team is much like their tee shots, Mr. Speaker, long and intimidating. The 2003 Tiger golf team was the first team in NCAA history to win its conference title, NCAA regional title, and the national championship in the same year. The Tigers began the season as the top-ranked team in the country and finished the year ranked number one after defeating an excellent Oklahoma Cowboy State squad by two strokes, despite playing on the home course of OSU.

Mr. Speaker, the Clemson Tiger golf team finished the year with an impressive record of 128-8 and three; and as my friend, my colleague from New Jersey, said, 93 percent of the time they went out, they won. That was against the top 25 opponents, the best in Clemson history.

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An equally astonishing fact, and one I am extremely proud of, Mr. Speaker, is that the team is comprised entirely of South Carolinians. The Tiger golf team has brought honor and pride to the university, the Third Congressional District, and the entire State. Throughout their outstanding play during the 2003 season, the team demonstrated to all of us that with dedication and hard work comes great reward.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to each player: D.J. Trahan, Ben Duncan, Matt Hendrix, Greg Jones, Michael Sims, Jack Ferguson, Brian Duncan, Martin Catalioto, and Nick Biershenk, as well as Coach Larry Penley, who was awarded the Dave Williams Award as the National Coach of the Year by the Golf Coaches of America.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again extend my sincerest congratulations to the entire Clemson family on this great day commemorating the first national championship for the Clemson University Men's golf team, and I hope there will be many more days like this in the future.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to thank and congratulate the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. BARRETT) for his leadership on this issue and his promotion of a great university.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to simply congratulate our colleagues from South Carolina and to urge adoption of the resolution.

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable achievement. In May of this year, the Clemson Tigers men's golf team from my great State of South Carolina won the NCAA Division I golf championship in dramatic fashion, edging out the Oklahoma State Cowboys by two strokes on their own course.

The team was led by Senior D.J. Trahan, the number one ranked college golfer for much of this year, and Sophomore Jack Ferguson, who was ranked in the top 25 for most of the year. Trahan finished 22nd with a four round 299 to become the only Clemson player ever with four top 25 finishes, and Ferguson finished 19th with a team best four round 298. Also anchoring the team were Junior Matt Hendrix, Junior Gregg Jones, and Senior Ben Duncan, who finished tied for 35th, 35th, and 52nd respectively.

My hat goes off to Coach Larry Penley and the entire squad for their remarkable 124-8-3 record this year, and for bringing Clemson their first ever national golf championship. They have made your State very proud. It gives me greater pride to see that every member of the Clemson team makes their home in South Carolina. If this keeps up, we may start to see athletes drinking sweet tea instead of Gatorade.

On top of their golf achievements, I am proud that each of these young men will leave with a Clemson academic degree. With that background, I am sure they will be as successful in life as they have been in golf.

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievement of the 2002-2003 Clemson University Golf Team. The Tigers, who started and ended the year as the number-one ranked team in the Nation, clinched the school's first NCAA Division I golf title in May in Stillwater, OK and became the first school in NCAA history to win its conference championship, NCAA regional title and National Championship in the same year. The national title victory was the sixth tournament win of the year for the Tigers, a single season record, and the team finished the season with a remarkable 124-8-3 record against top 25 opposition, an incredible 93 percent winning percentage—by far the best in the Nation and in Clemson history.

The 2003 National Champions were led by team number one, D.J. Trahan, the 2002 National Player of the Year and the 2000 USGA Public Links Champion. D.J. is a member of the ACC's 50-Year Anniversary team and has represented the United States as a member of the 2001 Walker Cup team and the 2002 Palmer Cup and World Amateur teams. He was awarded the Ben Hogan Award as top colleague golfer and named the top collegiate golfer by Golf World in 2002. D.J., whose career GPA is a 3.2, was also elected to the Verizon Academic All-America third-team for 2002 becoming the first Clemson athlete to be named a National Player of the Year and Academic All-American in the same year. I am proud to have Mr. Trahan, a resident of Mount Pleasant, as a constituent in South Carolina's First District.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 266.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WELCOMING HIS HOLINESS THE FOURTEENTH DALAI LAMA AND RECOGNIZING HIS COMMITMENT TO NON-VIOLENCE, HUMAN RIGHTS, FREEDOM, AND DEMOCRACY

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 359) welcoming His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama and recognizing his commitment to non-violence, human rights, freedom, and democracy.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 359

Whereas for over 40 years in exile, His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama has used his position and leadership to promote compassion and non-violence as a solution to not only the present crisis in Tibet, but to other long-running conflicts around the world;

Whereas the Dalai Lama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989 in recognition of his efforts to seek a peaceful resolution to the situation in Tibet, and to promote non-violent methods for resolving conflict;

Whereas the Dalai Lama has been a strong voice for the basic human rights of all peoples, particularly freedom of religion;

Whereas the Dalai Lama has personally promoted democratic self-government for Tibetans in exile as a model for securing freedom for all Tibet, including relinquishing his political positions and turning these authorities over to elected Tibetan representatives;

Whereas the Dalai Lama seeks a solution for Tibet that provides genuine autonomy for the Tibetan people and does not call for independence and separation from the People's Republic of China;

Whereas the envoys of the Dalai Lama have traveled to China and Tibet twice in the past year to begin discussions with Chinese authorities on a permanent negotiated settlement of the Tibet issue;

Whereas the successful advancement of these discussions is in the strong interest of both the Chinese and Tibetan people; and

Whereas it is the policy of the United States to support substantive dialogue between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Dalai Lama or his representatives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) the visit of the Dalai Lama to the United States in September 2003 is warmly welcomed;

(2) the Dalai Lama should be recognized and congratulated for his consistent efforts to promote dialogue to peacefully resolve the Tibet issue and to increase the religious and cultural autonomy of the Tibetan people; and

(3) all parties to the current discussions should be encouraged by the Government of the United States to deepen these contacts in order to achieve the aspirations of the people of Tibet for genuine autonomy and basic human rights.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) and the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H. Res. 359, the resolution under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

At the outset, I would like to express my great appreciation for the distinguished ranking member, the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS), for his long interest in this issue and congratulate the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ROTHMAN) for sponsoring this thoughtful and timely resolution welcoming his Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, and recognizing his commitment to nonviolence, human rights, freedom, and democracy.

As my colleagues may be aware, the Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual leader in exile, is in the United States for a 3-week lecture and teaching tour. While he is in Washington, his Holiness is expected to meet with President Bush and other senior administration officials to update them on the status of contacts between his envoys and representatives of the People's Republic of China.

The United States is encouraged that China invited the Dalai Lama's envoys to visit the Beijing and Tibetan regions in the fall of 2002 and again in the spring of 2003. The resumption of direct contacts has been accompanied by the release of several high-profile Tibetan political prisoners in what appears to be a softening of rhetoric regarding the Dalai Lama and the Tibet issue in the official Chinese media. Despite these encouraging signs of progress, however, severe human rights abuses and tight controls on fundamental freedoms persist in Tibet.

To date, the Chinese have insisted that the Dalai Lama renounce the prospect of independence before a substantive dialogue can resume. Although the Dalai Lama heads a "government in exile" in India, he has stated publicly and repeatedly he is seeking greater autonomy and not independence for Tibet.

While the United States Government recognizes Tibet as part of China, it is the policy of the U.S. to support respect for the human rights of all Chinese citizens, including ethnic Tibetans. To emphasize our concerns in this regard, Secretary Powell has appointed a special coordinator for Tibetan issues. The U.S. continues to raise Tibet during bilateral and multilateral exchanges with Chinese leaders.